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Docket No.  
ITL.0681

In Re Application Of: Wah Yiu Kwong et al.

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/020,701	December 12, 2001	Ronald Baum	21906	2136	9547

Invention: Providing a User Input Interface Prior to Initiation of an Operating System



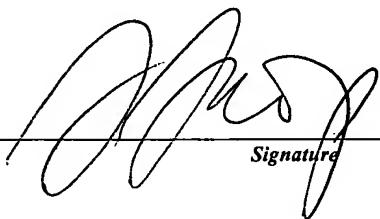
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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PRE-APPEAL REVIEW**

Sir:

In support of pre-appeal review, the following statement is provided.

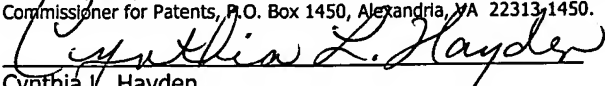
In the prior office action, nothing but vague and indefinite assertions were made. There is no basis whatsoever for the rejection. *Inter alia*, some 200 lines of the reference and several figures are cited. Virtually the entire reference is thrown at the Applicant with the suggestion that somewhere and somehow, undefined, the reference anticipates.

The claim is very clear and very simple. It calls for displaying a user interface prior to booting of a processor-based system. The most careful review possible under the circumstances suggests that there is nothing to support the rejection within the cited reference.

These perceived deficiencies were pointed out in the first response. Rather than responding by pointing out where the alleged features are in the cited reference, the next office action has nothing but unrequested assertions about claim construction. The response to amendment (page 9) states:

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‘... The examiner broadly interprets the applicants’ use of the phrase display a graphical user interface before the system boots and it must do so in response to detection of the user input’ as a ‘non-specific type of interactive event encompassing anything from physical interaction (not necessarily co-located with the appliance per se), to a user to virtual GUI interaction (such as a network/operating system detected event) in order to initiate a “boot” of system software, of which the appliance firmware, post-interactive set up, would clearly encompass.’


It is respectfully submitted that these assertions are meaningless. The office action goes on to state that “Nowhere in the claim language does the recitation of a requirement for an explicit claiming of the differentiation aspect of the various types ‘... operating system [i.e., software or firmware; volatile RAM or non-volatile RAM based]) appear, just the broad ‘... operating system’ and input/detection of user input via an interactive user interface per se.” Again, these assertions are meaningless. The claim has nothing to do with software, firmware, volatile RAM, or non-volatile RAM. The assertion of a “differentiation aspect” makes no sense and is merely obfuscation.

Finally, rather than suggesting where support for the rejection might be found, the Examiner simply states that “the various Iggulden configuration interactions, as being broadly interpreted by the examiner, as per the claim language would, therefore, be applicable in the rejection, such that the rejection support references collectively encompass the said claim limitations in their entirety.” Again, the rejection fails to point out anything which shows where some user input is possible prior to the booting of the processor-based system using a user interface that is displayed. This is simple language and, if it is in the reference, there is no reason not to point it out. The assertions of claim construction make no sense, and fail to address the issue presented which is where the reference supports the rejection. The assertions of broad construction are completely unsupported and it is respectfully submitted totally without any basis in law, fact, or logic.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the appeal review panel overturn the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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